

## EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

### Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Walter Ottesen (Reg. No. ( 25,544) on April 5, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

At line 6, delete "the" and replace it with "the"<sup>a</sup>

At line 7, delete " , "

At line 6, after the limitation "optimized" insert "wherein said target function includes a plurality of focus values each being different from the other"

Amend claim 14 as follows:

At line 6, delete "the" and replace it with "the"<sup>a</sup>

At line 7, after the limitation "optimized" insert "wherein said target function includes a plurality of focus values each being different from the other"

At line 7, delete " , "

### Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the instant invention optimizes target quantities for optical precision measuring. Upon acquisition of an image data,

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